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Mr. Tobias Nussbaum Director, U.S. Relations Division Foreign Affairs Canada 125 Sussex Drive Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G2

Dear Mr. Nussbaum:

The United States Government concurs with the proposed creation of an arrangement, described in your July 18 letter, through which the Canadian Government could fulfill an "enhanced consultative role" in the Teck Cominco-EPA Agreements addressing the contamination of the Columbia River above the Grand Coulee dam.

I propose that this letter, along with your letter of July 18, 2006, constitute the "exchange of notes" described in the Technical Review of the Agreements.

Sincerely,

Terry A. Breese Director, Office of Canadian Affairs

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